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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

1. (Original) A method for bookmarking a voicemail message, the method comprising:

   (a) playing back a voicemail message; then

   (b) receiving a bookmark request during the playing back of the voicemail message, wherein the bookmark request includes a timing offset value that defines a period of time preceding a point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received; then

   (c) receiving a request for playing back the voicemail message; and then

   (d) instead of playing back the voicemail message from a start of the voicemail message, playing back the voicemail message starting at the period of time preceding the point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the playing back of the voicemail message in (d) occurs without receiving a rewind command from a user.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the voicemail message is stored in a database, and wherein the method further comprises determining a memory location within the stored voicemail message based on the timing offset value.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein (a)-(d) are performed by a service node.

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5.　(Original) A telecommunication system comprising:

a switch; and

a processor in communication with the switch and operative to:

play back a voicemail message; then

receive a bookmark request during the playing back of the voicemail message, wherein the bookmark request includes a timing offset value that defines a period of time preceding a point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received; then

receive a request for playing back the voicemail message; and then

instead of playing back the voicemail message from a start of the voicemail message, play back the voicemail message starting at the period of time preceding the point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received.

6.　(Original) The telecommunication system of Claim 5, wherein the processor is operative to play back the voicemail message starting at the period of time preceding the point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received without receiving a rewind command from a user.

7.　(Original) The telecommunication system of Claim 5 further comprising a voicemail database storing the voicemail message, wherein the voicemail database is in communication with the processor.

8.　(Original) The telecommunication system of Claim 5, wherein the processor is part of a service node.

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9.   (Original) A computer-usable medium storing a computer program product comprising:

means for playing back a voicemail message;

means for receiving a bookmark request during the playing back of the voicemail message, wherein the bookmark request includes a timing offset value that defines a period of time preceding a point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received;

means for receiving a request for playing back the voicemail message; and

means for, instead of playing back the voicemail message from a start of the voicemail message, playing back the voicemail message starting at the period of time preceding the point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received.

10.   (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 9, wherein the playing back of the voicemail message starting at the period of time preceding the point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received occurs without receiving a rewind command from a user.

11.   (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 9, wherein the voicemail message is stored in a database, and wherein the computer-usable medium further comprises means for determining a memory location within the stored voicemail message based on the timing offset value.

12.   (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 9, wherein each of the means is stored on a service node.

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13.   (Original) A method for bookmarking a voicemail message, the method comprising:

(a) playing back a voicemail message; then

(b) receiving a bookmark request during the playing back of the voicemail message; then

(c) receiving a request for playing back the voicemail message; and then

(d) instead of playing back the voicemail message from a start of the voicemail message, playing back the voicemail message starting at a point preceding a point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received without receiving a rewind command from a user.

14.   (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the bookmark request includes a timing offset value that defines a period of time preceding a point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received, and wherein (d) comprises playing back the voicemail message starting at the period of time preceding the point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received.

15.   (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the voicemail message is stored in a database, and wherein the method further comprises determining a memory location within the stored voicemail message based on the timing offset value.

16.   (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein (a)-(d) are performed by a service node.

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17.   (Original) A telecommunication system comprising:

a switch; and

a processor in communication with the switch and operative to:

play back a voicemail message; then

receive a bookmark request during the playing back of the voicemail
message; then receive a request for playing back the voicemail
message; and then instead of playing back the voicemail
message from a start of the voicemail message, play back the
voicemail message starting at a point preceding a point in the
voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received
without receiving a rewind command from a user.

18.   (Original) The telecommunication system of Claim 17, wherein the bookmark
request includes a timing offset value that defines a period of time preceding a
point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received,
and wherein the processor is operative to play back the voicemail message
starting at the period of time preceding the point in the voicemail message at
which the bookmark request was received.

19.   (Original) The telecommunication system of Claim 17 further comprising a
voicemail database storing the voicemail message, wherein the voicemail
database is in communication with the processor.

20.   (Original) The telecommunication system of Claim 17, wherein the processor
is part of a service node.

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21.   (Original) A computer-usable medium storing a computer program product comprising:

means for playing back a voicemail message;

means for receiving a bookmark request during the playing back of the voicemail message;

means for receiving a request for playing back the voicemail message; and

means for, instead of playing back the voicemail message from a start of the voicemail message, playing back the voicemail message starting at a point preceding a in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received without receiving a rewind command from a user.

22.   (Previously Presented) The computer-usable medium of Claim 21, wherein the bookmark request includes a timing offset value that defines a period of time preceding a point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received, and wherein the means for playing back the voicemail message starting at a point preceding a point in voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received without receiving a rewind command from a user comprises means for playing back the voicemail message starting at the period of time preceding the point in the voicemail message at which the bookmark request was received.

23.   (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 22, wherein the voicemail message is stored in a database, and wherein the computer-usable medium further comprises means for determining a memory location within the stored voicemail message based on the timing offset value.

24.   (Original) The computer-usable medium of Claim 21, wherein each of the means is stored on a service node.